

# Housekeeping, Nursery, Gardening and News of Interest to Women

## BURNS' VOLUMES IN QUAKER CITY

Missing Manuscripts in Hands of John Gribbell, Philadelphia Publisher.

BOUGHT FROM DEALER

Now They'll Be Made Free Gift to Scottish People.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—(Can. Press).—The mystery surrounding the whereabouts of the Glenriddell manuscripts of the Burns volumes, which were sold by the Athlone Library of Liverpool last summer, and for which a committee of Scots in England and Scotland have been searching, was cleared up here tonight when John Gribbell, vice-president of The Philadelphia Public Ledger and associated in the Curtis Publishing Co., announced that the two volumes were in his possession.

Mr. Gribbell made the announcement at a dinner of the St. Andrew's Society. He declared he had purchased the manuscripts from a dealer and he would restore them to Scotland, forever protected by a deed of trust, as a gift to the people who gave Robert Burns to the world.

Mr. Gribbell, who was not assigned a toast on the program, surprised the diners when he rose to give an account of the romance of some Burns manuscripts and revealed the whereabouts of the missing volumes. As he finished speaking the two quarto volumes, bound in old polished calf, were removed from a steel and fire-proof box and laid before the guests.

Offered by Dealer.

"During the summer just passed the English-reading world was shocked to read in the public press that the authorities of the Liverpool Athenaeum Library had sold for money these priceless treasures. Hurried efforts were made to stop the transfer of the volumes, but the delivery had been made and in the excitement they disappeared with the unknown buyer unhindered. Two weeks ago I was astonished beyond measure by having a dealer come to Philadelphia and submit to me for sale the missing manuscripts. Having an aversion to the possession of property of a certain class, I refused to consider them as any possible prize or as my own, priceless they are; but, gentlemen, here they are, sold as merchandise in the market place and in my possession, but with a purpose which I am sure you will approve."

Mr. Gribbell explained that he has not yet decided to which nation he should restore the manuscripts should be presented, but that he had communicated with Lord Rosebery, who had been active last summer on the committee of Scots who were attempting to prevent the sale of the volumes.

## WASHINGTON WOMEN JOIN IN EGG BOYCOTT

Housewives Cheer Proposal to Campaign for Reduction in Price.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(Can. Press).—Washington housewives are joining the movement for a national boycott on eggs. Thousands of women pledged themselves not to buy eggs until the price is reduced.

The campaign was formally launched by Mrs. Ellis A. Logan, president of the Federation of Women's Clubs, at a meeting of the federation. Announcement of the boycott plan was received with cheers of approval, the members present forthwith pledging themselves to cease buying eggs until they are reduced to 35 cents a dozen.

Fifty women started at once on a four days' house to house canvass for signatures to the boycotting petition.

## POLICEWOMAN SUGGESTED FOR GUELPH LOCAL STAFF

Sheriff Allan Thinks Such an Appointment Would Have a Preventive Effect.

(Special to The Toronto World). GUELPH, Dec. 1.—Sheriff Allan, president of the Home and Children's Aid Society, has drawn the attention of the city council to the need in Guelph of a policewoman to be added to the police staff. He wrote Mayor Carter, stating that, if appointed, a woman would be able to do a great deal more than a man could possibly do by getting into touch with the mothers and children and would be a preventive officer, whereas the present staff seem to think they are doing their duty in punishing the offenders. The letter stated further that the society would like to have a bylaw passed regulating dance halls, which should be supervised and placed under license.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR SPANIARDS IN MOROCCO

Huge Consignment Despatched From Havana to Troops at Front.

HAVANA, Dec. 1.—(Can. Press).—A consignment of thousands of Christmas presents was despatched from here today to the Spanish soldiers in the field in Morocco. The gifts, consisting of rum, brandy, cigars, cigarettes, suva jelly, sugar, coffee, chocolate and other articles, were sent to Spain on board the Spanish steamship Montevideo, which took also \$5000 in cash.

## NOT DUKE'S JEWELS.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—(C. A. P.).—There was no truth in the reported theft of the Duke of Connaught's jewels. The stolen property belongs to a private gentleman.

## No Better Xmas Gift.

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## NURSERY

CONDUCTED BY Elino Murray

A Book and a Game

"Behind the Night Light" was a revelation to me; and that is why I pass it on to mothers and teachers. The author has "totted down" the imaginings of a child of three as told by the little girl at bedtime. Strange animals delighting in such names as Hibbert, Kiddie, Bomblemas, Jonket, Sickle-Jag roam thru a marvelous country behind the night-light; and give the child hours of enjoyable companionship and delightful adventures.

I can well remember the enjoyment I always found in making up stories after I was put to bed; but I am not conscious of ever peeping the room with strange figures and revelling in the creation.

Nancy Price, who records the sayings of Joan in relation to her fanciful creatures, says that she attempts explanation as to how the names came to the child; or where she obtained the ideas to picture the objects; she simply sets down a record of the results of the child's imagination. Nothing that the child ever saw or heard had anything to do with her night-light jungle. I am not recommending the book as a story book for children, but I can well understand its stories and word pictures giving them delight, but to me its special value lies in its insight into the workings of a child's mind before its spontaneity is checked by "interfering adults."

For daddies or big brothers or nice uncles who like to play with juniors, H. G. Wells has written a dandy game, "Watte Wars."

To play Little Wars one needs two sets of soldiers, infantry and cavalry, and about six guns of the spring brooch-loader type. Whatever the means—I found myself hopelessly ignorant of many important things I read and tried to play Little Wars. I found myself hopelessly ignorant of many important things I read and tried to play Little Wars. I found myself hopelessly ignorant of many important things I read and tried to play Little Wars.

Special Services. Special services will be held in the North Broadway Presbyterian Church on each night of this week, excepting Saturday. Rev. Robert Hamilton, Rev. John McNeill, Rev. Principal Chandler, and A. B. Winchester, Rev. D. T. McKerrall, speak at the services in the order named. The application of the gospel to the city problems will be discussed at these meetings.

## ST. EDMUND'S BAZAAR.

In connection with St. Edmund's Church, Dovercourt, a sale of work will be held in the basement on Tuesday, Dec. 2. There will be numerous stalls for the sale of fancy needlework, flowers, candles and refreshments. A musical program of vocal and instrumental music will be provided by the Bible class and women's guild. The proceeds of the bazaar go towards the church seating fund.

## GOOPS

By GELETT BURGESS



## ALGERNON A. ROSS

A sulky Goop is worse, I know, Than one who lets his anger show. I'd rather have him cry outright, I'd almost rather have him fight. Than have him sulky when he's cross, Like Algernon Apache Ross!

Don't Be A Goop!

## THE WOES OF MRS. NEWLYWED



"This velvet won't iron out smooth. What can I do?" questioned Mrs. Newlywed.

"Don't use a flat iron," replied Mrs. Neighbor. "Try a soapstone, it will iron it much smoother and make it look much nicer."

## WILL LAY CORNER STONE FOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Construction of St. Paul's Will Be Formally Begun Next Saturday Afternoon.

An eloquent plea for the support of the Muskoka Sanitarium for Consumptives was given by Rev. M. J. Bleher, M.A., Canada field missionary for the English-speaking Lutherans, in his address on "The Ravages of Consumption and its Cure," in the Orange Hall, Sunday night.

Following the sermon by Rev. Mr. Bleher, the large congregation extended a unanimous call to Rev. J. S. Herold, of Mansfield, Ohio, to succeed Rev. N. C. Miller as pastor of the church. Rev. Mr. Herold occupied the pulpit on Sunday, Nov. 23, and delighted the audience with his preaching and personality. He is a young man, who has enjoyed marked success as assistant pastor in the United States and Canada. He is a graduate of the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary. If he decides to accept the call he will take up his duties early in January.

A special service followed by addresses by Hon. Adam Beck, Hon. Geo. A. Clare, M.P., and other will precede the laying of the corner-stone of the new St. Paul's church on Glen Morris street next Saturday at 8 p.m. The public are cordially invited to attend the ceremony.

The Double Track Way to Montreal. This, however, is but one of the many attractions of Grand Trunk route, as noted by modern Pullmans and "club" parlors, electric lighted, excellent dining car service, up-to-date parlor-library cars and comfortable vestibule coaches well deserve your patronage. Three fast trains leave Toronto daily at 9 a.m., 3.30 p.m. and 10.45 a.m.

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The Big Bow-Wow Minstrel Concert at Massey Hall Tonight.

## EFFICIENT HOUSEKEEPING

BY HENRIETTA D. GRAUEL

DOMESTIC SCIENCE LECTURER

Buying Food Supplies by Weight.

WOMEN who are anxious to have their money's worth no longer are willing to take chances on having food measured haphazard. Instead, they have risen at the call of the national organization of the Housewives' League, to destroy the dragon of false weights and measures.

The keynote of the league's advice to housewives is to provide themselves with a set of scales and weigh every ounce of food bought for the home. It is astonishing to discover short weight in almost every article purchased at night markets, in these days of high-priced food, than to find that one has been short-changed by a dishonest tradesman.

Every city should have a city sealer, whose business it is to enforce correct weight and measure laws. If your town has not such an official, make it your immediate duty to interview your mayor and ask that such a city official be appointed. Then co-operate with him until every scale and measure in your town bears the letters "C. S." that stand for city sealed. After that refuse to buy from any dealer, huckster, who does not have his measures, baskets and weights so marked. More than this, report him at once to your city sealer, and if necessary do not hesitate to appear against him in court, this will seldom ever be necessary.

Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the National Organization of Housewives, said in a recent address on this subject that she had spoken on correct weights before a woman's club in a certain small town near here. At the close of her address the ladies assured her there were only five stores in town and each one was conducted by a church deacon, so that they were sure they always received full weight.

The very next week the county sealer of weights and measures made a visit of inspection and confiscated every scale in town. Mrs. Heath explained that the scales had been in use from 20 to 40 years and had worn out, so the good deacons were not blamed, but the scales were terribly shocked.

City Sealer W. Q. Radcliffe of Cleveland, Ohio, believes in a vigorous educational campaign and makes public every violation of the law that will help housekeepers.

He has discovered that many hucksters upturn a peck measure, in the bottom of the bushel basket to take up room so that a seemingly heap-up of "bushel" of potatoes, that should weigh 60 pounds, will not weigh more than 40 pounds.

Another trick he has unearthed is that of literally nailing potatoes, apples and other vegetables to the bottom of the measure so they cannot fall out. Then the huckster receives only the vegetables that fill the upper part of the measure.

A peach basket, small at the bottom, has been confiscated because it is 10 pounds short measure of a bushel.



## THE GARDEN

CONDUCTED BY RACHEL R. TODD, M.D.

Some Satisfactory House Plants.

Several housewives have been enquiring about the best plants for ordinary city homes. And before mentioning several, we would like to remind many of those who have been lamenting the fact that plants will not grow for them, that there is some good reason for this refusal to grow.

In the first place, we would remind you that plants do not absolutely require a south or east or west window thru which to enjoy the sun.

It is no secret, that many a woman who has tried to grow plants, and obtain the most gorgeous bloom from plants that receive no other light than that obtained from a cold north window.

Another thing, many houses are so full of coal gas, that the whole long winter, that plants cannot grow. Do you not believe this? Well, then, just think of the many times you, yourself have visited houses where the coal gas is so bad that the plants die of the open door, was heavily laden with coal gas fumes. Humpf! And why their plants do not grow.

Oh, it is true, too true! Poor plants and poor people. We are sure there is no home that cannot provide a window for potted plants.

Given light, fresh air, a moderate amount of water, a very great amount of appreciating love, and your plants will grow, never fear.

But don't think of one single little minute that those plants will grow if they do not know that you love them. It is much abused, but what a thing of beauty it can be made.

A secret in your ears. Wash your geranium plants at least once a week. Just stand the whole plant in a bath-tub, and spray the whole thing, gently, with water, not warm, but cool and refreshing. And then just watch that lovely thing grow.

If you careful housewife will remember the dust that is so prone to gather in dark corners, remember also that the same dust will clog the breathing pores of every house plant. To be continued.

## WOMEN EXPECT MUCH FROM U. S. CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(Can. Press).—The 45th annual convention of the National Woman Suffrage Association got fully under way today with Dr. Anna Howard Shaw presiding over an assembly of nearly 1000 delegates from all states of the Union. The gavel fell in the women's convention at the same time Vice-President Marshall and Speaker Clark were calling to order on Capitol Hill a congress which the suffragists expect to do much for the cause. A constitutional amendment extending the ballot to women throughout the nation is the goal for which a week of meetings, delegates in dark robes, and resolutions calling for order on Capitol Hill a congress which the suffragists expect to do much for the cause.

The big Bow-Wow Minstrel Concert at Massey Hall Tonight.

## The Wise Goose Says



She heard her brother speak of his wanting to attend the meeting of the Bar Association, which was the first big thing he had done since he had left home.

## A DAILY STORY FOR CHILDREN

The Proud Grasshopper.

Once upon a time there was a bright green grasshopper. It was not a common one, oh no, for it had bright gold stripes all down its back and lovely big brown eyes. Every one admired it and kept telling it how pretty he was. Finally he got very proud and would not pay any attention to the other grasshoppers or play with them, but would keep on going to a dewdrop and look at himself and say, "How pretty I am. How graceful I am. No-body looks as good as I do."

So he would sit by himself and keep smoothing his skin and walk proudly around saying, "I ought to be king around here. I ought to be king around here. I ought to be king around here."

Now, the others didn't like this and told him so. "You are no better than we are, and if you don't stop being so proud we won't play with you at all, and then you will be all alone," they said. But he kept right on being so proud and walking around with a very proud air. At last all the little bugs ran away whenever he came in sight and he was all alone.

He was not quite ready for that, as he still thought he was more beautiful than they. He wandered away all by himself and tried to play, but it wasn't much fun.

## NEARLY A CENTENARIAN.

Mrs. Priscilla Rayfield, Galt's Oldest Resident, Passes Away—School-mate of John Bright.

GALT, Dec. 1.—(Special).—The death occurred Sunday evening, at her residence, East street, of Galt's oldest resident, Priscilla Rayfield, widow of the late John Rayfield. Had she lived until June 15, 1914, she would have been 100 years of age. She was born at Deptford, near London, Eng., and came to Canada about 30 years ago with her husband, Mrs. Rayfield attended school with John Bright, and up to a year of her death took a deep interest in English politics, in which she was looked upon as a local authority.

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